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SUBJ: UPDATE ON JEWISH EMIGRATION FROM LENINGRAD

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1. REFUSENIK SOURCE WITH WIDE CONTACTS IN LENINGRAD JEWISH COMMUNITY
RECENTLY GAVE POLOFF UPDATE ON CURRENT EMIGRATION SCENE HERE.

2. NINETEEN REFUSENIK FAMILIES HAVE RECEIVED PERMISSION TO
DEPART THUS FAR IN 1976. PRESENT SIZE OF REFUSENIK COMMUNITY IN
LENINGRAD REPORTEDLY STANDS AT 104 FAMILIES (SOME OF THESE REPRESENT
SINGLE INDIVIDUALS). FOUR RECENT REFUSALS AND GROUNDS FOR
TURNDOWN AS FOLLOWS: ILYA LEVIN, SERVICE IN ARMY; VALERIY
BEREGNYAKOV, EMPLOYMENT PRIOR TO 1971; MIKHAIL DUBOV, ARMY
SERVICE IN 1969; AND ARON TOMCHINSKIY, ARMY SERVICE IN 1968.

3. REFUSENIK COMMUNITY IS REPORTEDLY DISHEARTENED BY RECENT
THIRD REFUSAL OF ARKADIY RABINOV SINCE HE HAD BEEN APPROACHED BY
KGB AND TOLD SPECIFICALLY TO REAPPLY WITH PROMISE OF FAVORABLE
ACTION. INSTEAD, RABINOV WAS REFUSED AGAIN ON APRIL 9,
ALTHOUGH HIS PARENTS AND SISTER AND HER FAMILY HAVE ALL DEPARTED
SINCE DECEMBER 1975. THIS IS REPORTEDLY FIRST TIME THAT KGB
HAS "BROKEN A PROMISE," HENCE THE DISQUIET IN REFUSENIK
COMMUNITY.

4. EMIGRATION SITUATION HERE THUS REMAINS STATIC. MOST OF OUR
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SOURCES ARE INCREASINGLY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT POST-CONGRESS TRENDS.

5. INCIDENTALLY, LENINGRAD OVIR IS CONTINUING PAST PRACTICE
OF ISSUING DECISIONS FROM MAIN OFFICE ON FRIDAYS.

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